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- OF FIFTEEN ON CCD SCHEDULE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS,
- JULY 12 AND 13, 1978

REF: A)GENEVA 10438, B)GENEVA 10767

1. FOLLOWING CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING JULY 10 (REF A), USDEL CALLED ON THE MEMBERS OF THE CCD NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF FIFTEEN TO DISCUSS THE SUMMER SESSION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE SCHEDULE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS.

2. IN GENERAL, DELEGATIONS WERE INTERESTED ONLY IN BEGINNING WORK ON A DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTB); BUT ALL ALSO SEEMED RESIGNED TO THE PROBABILITY THAT NO TRILATERAL INITIATIVE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING THIS SUMMER, THUS PREVENTING CCD INVOLVEMENT WITH CTB AT THIS TIME. MOST DELEGATIONS WERE OF THE COMMON VIEW THAT, LACKING
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THE NECESSARY INITIATIVES THERE WAS NOTHING OF REAL SUBSTANCE FOR THE CCD TO DO. ALL WERE OF THE OPINION THAT FURTHER WORK ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM ON DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT IS CONVENED. MOST DELEGATIONS, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED THE CCD MIGHT CONSIDER RECESSING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A CTB INITIATIVE IS READY FOR CONSIDERATION.

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3. THE INDIAN DELEGATION, HOWEVER, IS INTERESTED IN HAVING THE CCD CARRY ON WITH ITS USUAL BUSINESS AND HAS CIRCULATED INFORMALLY IN THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN A DRAFT SCHEDULE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS. THE SCHEDULE PROVIDES FOR (A) INFORMALS ON CTB (WHICH THE INDIANS ADMIT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY IF THE US-UK-USSR INITIATIVE HAD NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CCD); (B) INFORMALS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS; AND (C) INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON NEW TYPES OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS, AS WELL AS "REVIEW OF SEABED TREATY." (INDIAN DEL HAS SUBSEQUENTLY CLARIFIED THE LATTER PROPOSAL AS HAVING THE CCD CONSIDER THE "RECOMMENDATIONS" OF THE SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE RELATING TO "DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SEABED." WE REITERATED TO THE INDIANS THE US VIEW THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION DOES NOT REQUIRE CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER ARMS CONTROL MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE SEABED.)

4. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INDIAN DEL, NONE OF THE 15 SEEMED INTERESTED IN INFORMALS ON MDW (GENEVA 10438). ON THE OTHER HAND, NONE OF THEM FELT THAT THEY COULD RESIST SOVIET PRESSURE FOR HOLDING SUCH INFORMALS, AND SEEMED RESIGNED TO HEARING A REPETITION OF SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN SPEECHES ON THE SUBJECT.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 15, WE ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSULTED WITH THE ROMANIANS, WHOSE VIEWS WERE PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE 15. IF ANYTHING, THEY WERE EVER MORE FORCEFUL IN ADVANCING THE IDEA THAT THE CCD SHOULD NOT MEET JUST FOR THE SAKE OF MEETING, AND THAT IT RECESS PENDING THE OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING ISSUES OF REAL SUBSTANCE, SUCH AS CTB. THEY WERE SCEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD ACCEPT SUCH AN APPROACH AND THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WOULD SEEK TO FILL TIME BY PUSHING THEIR FAVORITE SUBJECTS, SUCH AS THE "NEUTRON BOMB."

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